

# Councilwoman Bonner Celebrates Shoreham Solar Commons Groundbreaking

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**Farmingville, NY** – On April 21, Councilwoman Jane Bonner attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Shoreham Solar Commons, located at the former Tallgrass Golf Course in Shoreham. The 150 acre solar array will create 175 local jobs and once operational, it is expected to produce 50,000 megawatt hours per year, enough to power 3,500 homes. Other benefits of the Shoreham Solar Commons include:

- Harmful greenhouse gas emissions will be cut by more than 29,000 tons per year or 1.17 million tons over the facility's 40 year life.
- Unlike a golf course, solar requires no irrigation, which will allow the local aquifer to recharge faster.
- It will be pesticide-free, herbicide-free and fertilizer-free.

"This project is being done the way solar farms should be, without clear cutting trees" said Councilwoman Bonner. "I worked together with the people at Invenergy to make sure that it has little or no impact on the quality of life of the community, and to their credit they were with me every step of the way."

Pictured left to right are Nicolaus Feldman, Kurt Feldman and Keith Feldman from Eldor Electrical Contracting; Brad C. Pnazek of Invenergy, Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Brookhaven IDA CEO Lisa Mulligan and Brookhaven Deputy Director of Economic Development Jim Tullo

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